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Viewing cable 05OTTAWA2023, CANADA ON RUMORS OF ARISTIDE'S DESIRE TO RETURN TO

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
05OTTAWA2023	2005-07-06 16:11	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Ottawa

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SUBJECT: CANADA ON RUMORS OF ARISTIDE'S DESIRE TO RETURN TO HAITI

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1. (C) DCM and PolOff shared reftel talking points with FAC Director General for Latin America and the Caribbean Jamal Khokhar and Caribbean and Central America Director Christian Lapointe. Khokhar said "we are on the same sheet" with regards to Aristide, and Canada's consistent message has been that "he is of the past and Haiti needs to move forward." Khokhar said the GOC understands there is a plan by his followers to bring Aristide back to Haiti on July 15th, but does not have any clear signals of how it will be done. Desk Officer Caroline Ouellet clarified that the date is based on rumors and there are no more signs than usual that it is reality. Still, they have heard the date from enough sources to consider it credible. Even before these recent rumors, she said, Canada had a clear position in opposition to the return of Aristide.

2. (C) Khokhar said Canada has been conveying this message to all parties, stressing the need for the international community (especially the Caricom countries), to invest in the future for Haiti and not remain stuck in the past. Canadian officials note the call by SYG Annan for reinforcements to provide security for the election and are in agreement that the UN mission must be reinforced to be effective.

3. (C) Lapointe said that Canada has discussed the return of Aristide with South African officials during consultations in May. The South Africans reportedly questioned whether it is fair to encourage Lavalas to participate in the elections without their most important leader being on the ground. They are not convinced of the good will of those who would exclude him being there. The GOC reportedly urged the South

Africans to encourage Lavalas to move beyond Aristide, and stressed the importance of finding a new leader in Haiti that can unite the country rather than divide it. Lapointe said there may be an opportunity for FM Pettigrew to meet on the margins of the G-8 meeting with the South African FM and further stress these points.

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